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Open Session Meeting Minutes

**Department of Military Affairs
Classroom 230**

**Friday, June 11, 2004
9:04 a.m. – 10:29 a.m.
11:02 a.m. – 11:04 a.m.**

Members present: Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), Ed Gleason (WEM), David Collins (WSP), Mike Metcalf (CapPol), Dave Steingraber (OJA), and Jim Warren (DCI).

Members absent or excused: Ken Baldwin (retired) (DHFS).

Alternates present: Tom Anderson (DHFS alternate), Steve Peterson (WEM alternate), and Steven Sell (WSP alternate).

Others present: Randi Milsap (DMA Legal Counsel), Lynn Rasmussen (DMA staff), Holly Heggstad (WEM staff), Greg Engle (OJA staff), Jim Koleas (OJA staff), and Amy Kasper (Governor's Assistant Legal Counsel).

First Responders present via teleconference: Chief Neil Cameron (Appleton Fire Department and Regional Response Team Network), Deputy Steve Moe (Polk County), and Ben Schliesman (Kenosha County EM Director).

Quorum present.

Chair Wilkening called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. First responder subgroup was teleconferenced into the Council meeting from 9:04 a.m. to 10:29 a.m.

1. Review and approval of minutes of April 19, 2004 and May 7, 2004 open session meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ed Gleason and seconded by Dave Collins to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2004 and May 7, 2004 open session meeting. **Motion carried.**

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2. Agency updates.

- WEM: We completed the critical Buffer Zone Planning. Dane County and the Fox River Valley plans were completed this week. Milwaukee is scheduled for June 21, 2004 and then the majority of the 22 sites will be completed.
- DCI: The urban legend regarding the missing UPS uniforms continues to circulate and is still a hoax. In the HLS morning briefing, there was information on the June 4th or 5th incident where an individual of Mideastern descent was spotted filming an old power point in the LaCrosse area. The incident was investigated and it turned out to be just a student in LaCrosse spotted at a scenic overlook. There was no real concern. In the June 9, 2004 FBI Bulletin, there was an alert put out for law enforcement regarding the potential for disruptions both because of the lawyer in Oregon that is incarcerated and because of groups planning disruptions on June 12th.
 - WEM (Ed Gleason): I attended the FEMA Region V Emergency Managers / Homeland Security Advisors meeting in Chicago on June 8-10, 2004. General Hughes presented an excellent presentation on surveillance. Most tips regarding surveillance turn out to be harmless but they feel that terrorists are continually testing security systems and response capabilities. They still think surveillance should continue and that the public should continue to report incidents.
 - Chair Wilkening: They were excellent briefings. The briefers emphasized the patience of terrorist organizations to test our systems.
 - DCI (Jim Warren): Feels there has been good response by law enforcement to these alerts.
- WSP: The dynamite in Prairie du Chien was successfully removed on Tuesday. There was 825 pounds of dynamite that had to be removed. It was anticipated that it would take three days to move all the dynamite but it was handled in 9 hours. The Dane County Bomb Squad and the contractor did a great job. Flooding Update: Hwy 41 is closed at the Winnebago and Fond du Lac County Line. PGA Event Planning: It is coming along well. There are no security issues to report.
- DHFS: We are working flooding issues also. We released a news advisory yesterday on health issues that routinely come up with flooding (i.e. impact on wells and septic systems). We also updated our website. DHS is participating in the partial activation of the EOC. We forwarded the power plant photo information to our staff.
- OJA: Defer to agenda items. Just a reminder that OJA needs to be involved in Buffer Zone Planning for grant portion.
 - WEM (Ed Gleason): Absolutely.
- CapPol: Nothing significant.

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- Governor's Office (Amy Kasper): Nothing significant.
- Chair Wilkening: I also attended FEMA meeting in Chicago but I left early to head to Fort McCoy. On May 28th, I visited the Chippewa Valley Tech College with Senator Brown and received a presentation on First Responder Training. They would like to make that same presentation to the Council at a later date. They are looking for assistance with their training capabilities. Their market would include Twin Cities area.
- WEM (Ed Gleason): We are in a period of increased threat over the next 8 months, which will run through the Presidential Inauguration. They will try to keep the threat level at the new normal of yellow. There is a list of groups/attendees with over 30,000 people that are being watched carefully. The belief is that Al Queda will attack when their advance planning meets with the opportunity to strike. We must continue to plan and gear up. We must keep capabilities available, even on weekends.
 - Chair Wilkening: I couldn't agree more. We need to ensure that the Council has the same capability as the military to get together quickly and to communicate. Technological communications capabilities have greatly increased since 9/11. This new state of steady and constant alertness will continue.

3. First Responder Reports.

- Kenosha County (Ben Schliesman): With the way mutual aid is set up in Kenosha, we will have some first responders head south to Chicago so we may have to look elsewhere for backfill of our first responders.
 - WEM (Ed Gleason): Maybe regional response teams could provide the assistance.
 - Kenosha County (Ben Schliesman): We are trying to determine how much mutual aid we can send elsewhere. We're working through the challenges. It can drain resources significantly. We need to think of 2d and 3d shifts.
- Kenosha County (Ben Schliesman): Flooding Update: \$1.1M in public assistance. FEMA was just here. Our numbers reflect 18 major or destroyed; FEMA is verifying. On a different note, the numbering of train cars has become a congressional issue.
 - WEM (Ed Gleason): Rob Rude will call you.
- Kenosha County (Ben Schliesman): Regarding the CST's: When will they be equipped?
 - Chair Wilkening: Their equipment will start to flow this summer. Training will take up to 18 months. To date, 3 of 22 members have been hired but we continue the process.

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- Kenosha County (Ben Schliesman): Both Kenosha and Green Bay Fire Chiefs are planning full scale exercises in May 2005. I have a question on the HAZMAT school grant for reimbursement. If funding is no longer available and there is no reimbursement for overtime and backfills, will people still be going to these schools? I have another question for OJA on the ITEP Grant. Only 3 can apply state-wide; have 3 applicants already applied?
 - OJA (Dave Steingraber): If you have access to Vendornet, there is a solicitation for proposals posted on the net. We are asking for a 1 page concept paper that can be submitted online. OJA will make the selection of the 3 candidates. There is a short turn-around but not a lot of effort required for the 1 page. We will look at the significant statewide impact to HLS efforts as well as encouraging state-of-the-art technology and partnering with the private sector. The suspense is Friday next week for the concept papers. There is only \$9M nationally so there is not a lot of money available. On the issue of notification, it is all about reaching out quickly to all EM Country Directors, Law Enforcement, etc. Web-based posting periodic updates might be a way versus pushing out email messages. Mike Pohlman and Josh Mosh are the POCs.
 - WEM (Ed Gleason). We received an update on EMPG in Chicago. The 25% cap on personnel looks like it will be lifted in accordance with the Patriot Act. Moneys can be applied for directly. Money needs to stay within EM community.
- Appleton Fire Department and Regional Response Team Network (Chief Neil Cameron): Regarding Regional HAZMAT Teams, there are no significant events. Satellite internet access capabilities will be installed in 4 vehicles through the OJA grant. On the recent buffer zone planning, the Green Bay Fire Chief felt the sole focus of the evaluation was on explosives so he is not quite sure how comprehensive the evaluation was. Can we get the list of events of 30,000 people or more from County Directors?
 - WEM (Ed Gleason). Yes, we will scrub and send what applies to you.
- Appleton Fire Department and Regional Response Team Network (Chief Neil Cameron): We continue to stress standardization of equipment so regionalization of response can take place.
- Polk County (Deputy Steve Moe): Nothing significant. I have a question on interoperability but I will wait for the agenda item.

4. Update on OJA Equipment Funding and Development of Regional Capabilities.

Briefed by Greg Engle (OJA staff). The '03 grants have been closed out. The '04 grants are ratcheting up. There are a number of grants out there. We are reviewing them on a weekly basis as they come in to speed up the process. We are developing a procurement program to help move to standardization of equipment purchasing. The Law Enforcement Specialty Teams are moving forward. We are having meetings and developing a Task Force. We are looking at a Volk Field training site as part of the process.

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- DHFS (Tom Anderson): Is DOA doing anything on cyber security?
- OJA (Greg Engle): Yes, we want to address that. An RFP went out on software for cyber security.
- WEM (Ed Gleason): We need to continue to work together at senior levels. There is concern about schools – HLS grants? I don't think northern schools are at risk for terrorism attacks. We need to look at chemical facilities in urban areas.
- Chair Wilkening: Good briefings / ideas. Take a look at best practices used by other states.
- OJA (Dave Steingraber): We are looking at '05 funding. The House passed the HLS Appropriations Act. There could be a significant increase in funding. We may have before October 1st. The rejection of the Cox Amendment maintains status quo. There may be a slight shifting in funding to direct more funding to urban areas and less to rural areas.
- Chair Wilkening: Have you prepared position papers for Senator Kohl and Senator Feingold?
- OJA (Dave Steingraber): We are continually in contact with Senator Kohl's office.
- Kenosha County (Ben Schliesman): Kenosha County is part of the Chicago area for statistics but not for sharing in \$\$.

5. Update on Interoperability Study.

Briefed by Jim Koleus (OJA). We are on track for completion of the study by the end of the month. The funding priorities will allow us to select individual area that has problem. Money is less than 3%. Recommendations coming in each area. We had vendor demonstrations last week with 4 presentations. There are exciting options that include a system that takes any tone generated by a device and the software connects the responders.

- WEM (Ed Gleason): Ohio achieved through planning and not through equipment. There was a recommendation for governance beyond the course of the study to include the FCC and the SAIC at the state level. Michigan put 188 towers throughout the state but only 20 counties participate.
- WSP (Dave Collins): I agree with the SAIC route.

10:10 a.m. – Lynn Rasmussen departed the meeting.

6. Update on the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).

Jim Koleas reported that the Milwaukee area initiative is underway. There is a three-county working group made up of Milwaukee, Waukesha and Washington Counties. They have agreed on a spending plan and are setting goals for each county and for each urban region. The purpose is to provide a funding mechanism to deal with the unique needs of urban areas. Objectives addressed include: interoperability communications;

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engaging the private sector; continuation of government operations; reinforcement of ICS; increasing the multi-disciplinary all-hazards response; identification of search capacity; increasing the capacity to identify potential threats, increasing the capacity to identify agricultural and animal health threats; and critical infrastructure and central service protection.

- WEM (Ed Gleason): This is a model of cooperation.

7. Update and Guidance on Modifications to Wisconsin Homeland Security Website.

Randi Milsap reported to the Council on modifications to the revised Homeland Security Council website. She indicated that the new website will be more “citizen friendly” and will a source of useful information. There could be pop-ups with news articles of the day or a message of the week.

- OJA (David Steingraber): I suggest that there is a link to the Citizen Corps.
- WSP (Steve Sell): I think there should be a link about urban legends and hoaxes. I know that CDC has a hoax site. There needs to be a capacity to deal with rumors.
- Kenosha County (Ben Schliesman): I like the “citizen friendly” approach. Could there be a firewall that would provide certain positions with limited access to classified information?

8. Other Business.

There was no other business.

9. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

10:29 a.m. – Ended teleconference Call with First Responder Representatives.

10:29 a.m. – Adjourn Open Session to Convene Closed Session.

A motion was made by Dave Collins and seconded by Jim Warren to adjourn the open session and go into closed session.

11:01 a.m. – Reconvene in Open Session.

Members present: Chair Major General Albert Wilkening (DMA), Ed Gleason (WEM), David Collins (WSP), Mike Metcalf (CapPol), Dave Steingraber (OJA), and Jim Warren (DCI).

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Quorum present

10. Announcements of Closed Session Discussion Action.

Chair Wilkening announced that the minutes for the May 7, 2004 closed session meeting were approved and each agency provided its intelligence report, to include strategic roundtable briefing.

11. Set time and dates of meetings for next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at a time to be announced later.

12. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Jim Warren and seconded by Mike Metcalf to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

11:04 a.m. – Meeting Adjourned.